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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: NONAQUEOUS GEL COMPOSITION FOR  
TOOTH WHITENING AND TOOTH  
WHITENING SET

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Examiner: D. C. Sutton

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 11, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10.